



2023 – 2024 Season Forms

If everything was as easy as scoring goals on the ice... we wouldn't have all this paperwork to fill out.... But you can help make this a much smoother process by taking a few minutes to fill out the attached forms for our records.

We realize that the forms can be overwhelming and there is a lot to cover. If you need any assistance with these forms, we will certainly help you. Due to recent changes in our insurance and a new federal law, all forms must be filled out and returned prior to participation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at icehousehawks@gmail.com

Attached you will find:

- Participants Information Form (Must be filled out for Introductory Sessions)

If signing up for the season please return the following:

- Athlete Participation Agreement & Code of Conduct
- Proof of ASHA Registration (SpecialHockey.org)
- Fees and Deposits

Ice House Hawks 2023-2024 Season Athlete Participation Agreement

Player Name _____

Team Rules:

- 1) Use appropriate language at all times;
- 2) Respect others;
- 3) Take care of your own belongings;
- 4) Respect other's belongings and equipment;
- 5) No unnecessary roughness;
- 6) No checking;
- 7) No slapshots;
- 8) No fighting;
- 9) Be ready to be on the ice at the established ice time;
- 10) Dress per team requirements for all tournaments and games; and
- 11) Have FUN!!!!



- 1) I have read and agree to follow the above team rules.
- 2) I will bring all necessary equipment to all practices and games.
- 3) I will arrive early to dress and receive instructions before all listed events.
- 4) I will adhere to the Locker Room Policy
- 4) I will wear all required protection and safety equipment at all times while on the ice.
- 5) I will maintain safe behavior and respect my teammates, coaching staff and officials.
- 6) I will follow the directions of and accept feedback from my coaching staff.
- 7) I understand that failure to meet these expectations may result in bench time, a time out, temporary suspension or expulsion from the program.

Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Players Code of Conduct

1. Play for FUN.
2. Work hard to improve your skills.
3. Be a team player - get along with your teammates.
4. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
5. Be on time for practices and games.
6. Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
7. Respect your coaches, your teammates, parents, opponents and officials.
8. Never argue with an official's decision.

Parents Code of Conduct

1. Respect the time and safety of all participants and confirm attendance each week. If your players CANNOT attend, please contact the Coaches no less than 24 hours in advance.
2. Parents should not be on the bench during practices or games, unless the coach requests.
3. Do not force your player to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Special hockey players are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
4. Communicate with the team managers about attendance and schedule.
5. Encourage your Player to play by the rules. Remember that our players learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
6. Do not embarrass your player by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
7. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your athlete.
8. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
9. Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the ice.
10. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
11. Applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your player after a game or practice - it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
12. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your player and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
13. If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game, and volunteer.



PLAYER INFORMATION 2023 – 2024 Season

Player Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	Email:

As available, the Ice House Hawks provides 1 jersey, ice time, coaching, insurance and equipment for each eligible player. A jersey, ice time and coaching is provided for each mentor. We do not offer a new jersey for each season. (Replacement jersey's and helmets are the responsibility of the parent/guardian)

The average cost per player, per season is \$750.00, not including any travel.

The Ice House Hawks requests a \$300 per season activity fee.

Payments can be split for \$150 for the Fall/\$150 for the Spring

A scholarship is available for season fees for athletes in need.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please attach a letter of explanation for your request.

EQUIPMENT

If you are borrowing any equipment from the Ice House Hawks, there is a \$100 refundable deposit.

Do you agree to return all equipment in good working order at the end of the season. YES NO

If equipment is broken, or misplaced, do you understand that you will be asked to replace the equipment at your expense. YES NO

List of Equipment Provided:

- Helmet _____
- Shoulder Pads _____
- Elbow Pads _____
- Gloves _____
- Pants _____
- Shin Guards _____
- Skates _____

PARENT GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name:		
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	Email:

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The Ice House Hawks – Fair Play Special Hockey Program relies on parent volunteers to keep the program operational. Volunteers are needed to assist with many different events throughout the season. *Volunteering IS NOT required for a player to participate.*

Are you willing to volunteer in support of the Ice House Team? YES NO

If Yes, please describe the volunteer service you would like to perform and number of hours you are able to volunteer:

For the opportunity to participate in Ice House Hawks – Fair Play Special Hockey program and for other valuable consideration, I understand that by signing this release, I agree to hold harmless Fair Play, The Magic Paintbrush Project, a program of Life Is Washable, Inc; the American Special Hockey Association, The Icehouse Sports Complex, the Icehouse Hawks, Binghamton University, Laurel Bowl and the Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome’s Family Center including all of their employees, managers, directors, volunteers and agents; all sponsoring organizations and any other parties connected with events and activities singly or collectively, from any liability for any injury, harm, loss, inconvenience or damage suffered or sustained as a result of participation in one or more events or any activities associated therewith.

I understand that I will be working with volunteers from the community and my child’s image or recording may be used to raise funds for Life is Washable, Inc.’s programming. I understand that all images and recordings released onto social media represent the intellectual property of Life Is Washable, Inc.. I waive all claims for any compensation.

Unless indicated below by my signature, I hereby give my permission to The Ice House Hawks, The Magic Paintbrush Project, a program of Life Is Washable, Inc., American Special Hockey Association, Binghamton University, LCP Group, The Icehouse Sports Complex, and the Boys and Broome County use my photograph or portion thereof, whether still or moving, my voice, and my likeness for trade, for publicity, or for any other lawful manner whatsoever, hereby waiving my right to review or approve such photograph, sound recording or likeness prior to its use. Pictures taken will be in a group setting

If you do not give your permission for photographs, Please initial here _____ I Do Not Give my permission for use of my photograph or portion thereof.

Confidential and Proprietary Information: It is understood that as a result of this agreement, I may be dealing with confidential and proprietary information of both Life Is Washable, Inc. and its clients. I agree to respect the confidentiality of information regarding Life Is Washable, Inc. and its clients, and agree not to disclose to anyone directly or indirectly any such information. Life Is Washable, Inc. practices and techniques are proprietary and are protected under trademark and copyright laws.

Fair Play is a program of Life Is Washable, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Support of our program is tax-deductible. This material represents the opinions of The Magic Paintbrush Project and Life is Washable, Inc. It should in no way be taken as general or specific medical advice. Please consult your primary care physician or other medical specialist for specific advice about your medical condition. Trademark and Copyright 2023.

SIGNATURE

This form must be signed by all custodial parents/guardians

Mother/Guardian (print):	Date:
Mother/Guardian (signed):	
Father/Guardian (print):	Date:
Father/Guardian (signed):	





Scholarships and Financial Assistance

Life Is Washable, Inc. can support Scholarships for the 2023-2024 Ice House Hawks on an as needed basis with available funds.

Life Is Washable, Inc. provides financial assistance to those who may find themselves in a difficult financial situation, which would otherwise prevent their children from participating in the sport of hockey, specifically, the Ice House Hawks – Fair Play special hockey program.

As part of its annual budget, Life Is Washable, Inc. will determine a dollar amount that will be set aside for assistance. Funding for this program comes from donations, specifically designated fundraising events, along with any additional budget dollars designated for financial assistance at the discretion of the Life Is Washable, Inc. Board of Directors. Scholarship Assistance is granted on an as available basis, and on a per season basis.

The Ice House Hawks – Fair Play Special Hockey Scholarship Assistance program will only provide assistance to offset any ASHA registration fees associated with the practices and games played. (This Scholarship Assistance program will not provide financial assistance to offset travel, equipment, jersey costs, or USAH registration fees, etc.).

In order to be considered for Scholarship Assistance, please submit a letter of explanation. The acceptance of financial assistance will be determined before the season begins. Applicants may be asked to provide additional information or documentation (i.e. OPWDD Eligibility, IEP or 504).

Locker Room Policy

In addition to the development of our hockey players and enjoyment of the sport of hockey, the safety and protection of our participants is central to the American Special Hockey Association's goals. The American Special Hockey Association requests that all members respect this policy as a means to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing.

To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms, has adopted the following locker room policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms.

There are a number of locker rooms available for program use. Some teams in our program may also occasionally or regularly travel to play games at other arenas, and those locker rooms, rest rooms and shower facilities will vary from location to location. We expect that all team and event organizers will attempt to provide information on the locker room facilities in advance of games/activities. When participating in arenas for which you are unfamiliar, we expect that parents/team representatives plan to have extra time and some flexibility in making arrangements for their child/individual to dress and undress.

Locker Room Monitoring

American Special Hockey Association has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., generally 30-45 minutes before and following practices and games). This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker room areas. While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make some players uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. American Special Hockey Association expects that team/event organizer staff will conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before players arrive, and if the coaches are not inside the locker rooms, either a coach or voluntary locker room monitors (each of which has been screened) will be posted directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use, and leave the doors open only when adequate privacy is still possible, so that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room. Team personnel will also secure the locker room appropriately during times when the team is on the ice.

Parents in Locker Rooms

We discourage parents from entering locker rooms unless it is truly necessary. If a player needs assistance with his other uniform or gear, if the player is or may be injured, or a player's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents/guardians let the coach know beforehand that he or she will be helping the player. The coach may in his or her discretion prohibit parents from a locker room. To ensure compliance and privacy protection for independent individuals, the coach shall (as needed):

1. Require that all adults entering the dressing room have verified documentation of an accepted background check and sexual abuse training.
2. Determine the need for a "Family Dressing Area" (Similar to a Family Bathroom)
3. Implement a "Skate Tying Area" outside of the dressing room (often a primary reason for parental/guardian support.)

We encourage parents to teach players how to get dressed so that players will learn as quickly as possible how to get dressed independently. In circumstances where parents are permitted in the locker room, coaches are permitted to ask that the parents leave for a short time before the game and for a short time after the game/activity so that the coaches may address the players.

Mixed Gender and Mixed Needs Teams/Organizations

American Special Hockey Association consists of both male and female players. It is important that the privacy rights of all of our players are given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. Deliberately exposing a special hockey player or minor to inappropriate observation or nudity is a noted violation of guidelines. If a player requires privacy for any reason, it is expected that the parent/guardian will make arrangements in advance to reduce the risk of any unwarranted suspicion and protect the privacy of the player. Where possible, American Special Hockey Association will have the male and female players dress/undress in separate locker rooms. This extends to individuals who require assistance from their parent/guardian to dress them. After dressing, the team can convene in a single locker room before the game or team meeting. Once the game or practice is finished, the players may come to one locker room for a team meeting and then proceed to their separate locker rooms to undress, if available. If separate locker rooms are not available, then the players will take turns using the locker room to change. We understand that these arrangements may require that players arrive earlier or leave later to dress, but believe that this is the most reasonable way to accommodate and respect all of our players.

Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room.

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

American Special Hockey Association prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing. Participants, employees or volunteers in the American Special Hockey Association may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the policies. Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email the appropriate authorities in your local area and to the American Special Hockey Association.